



Blessed to Bless Israel

By Rabbi Tuly Weisz / BreakingIsraelNews.com

As a Jew who was born and grew up in America, I have always appreciated July 4 for the blessings that the United States has bestowed upon its Jewish residents. In 1776, there were fewer than 2,000 Jews in the 13 colonies. Because over the next two centuries America ensured liberty and justice for all, that number has grown to several million today. Thus, July 4 is a day when Jewish Americans demonstrate our deep love for the U.S.A.

For the past 68 years, Jews worldwide have had another reason to thank the U.S.: its strong support for the State of Israel. **America was the first country to recognize the Jewish state in 1948** and since that day, the United States has blessed Israel greatly despite very strong forces that have always worked hard to undermine that support. Many religious Jews and Christians believe that America's support for Israel results in prosperity, the literal fruit of God's promise to Abraham: "I will bless those who bless you" (Genesis 12:3). ★

Bill Clinton Blames Palestinians for Lack of Peace Deal

Israel Today

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton, who oversaw the bulk of existing Israeli-Palestinian peace deals, has reiterated that the Palestinian leadership is to blame for the lack of a final status agreement.

"I killed myself to give the Palestinians a state," Clinton recently disclosed. "I had a deal they turned down..."

It wasn't the first time Bill Clinton had called out the Palestinian leadership for scuttling genuine peace efforts.

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How Do Believers Help Israel in God's Plan?

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Has God re-gathered the Jews to Israel merely for their necessary failure in order to bring them to Christ? That's what some Christians believe. Israel, they reason, must be brought low, devastated, and overrun in order to accept Jesus as Messiah. **But what does the Bible teach?** Here are five important considerations.

1. Some prophetic verses about Israel do point to a time of great distress toward the end of this Age. To be properly understood, however, they must be considered in light of other related passages and the broader teachings of Scripture. If we overemphasize these scattered prophetic verses and ignore other important passages, we can come to conclusions about Israel that contradict the overarching themes of Scripture. (See especially #3.)

2. While the Bible describes a time of great trouble for Israel, it also describes such a time for the Nations—and true followers of Yeshua are not necessarily exempt. If we interpret isolated verses to mean that Israel's existence today is a divine setup for inevitable failure, then logically the same must be said of every nation—and of humanity altogether.

3. The prophetic Scriptures describe Israel's end-times restoration as gradual and progressive, not instantaneous. It could be said Israel takes three steps forward, then one step backward. In the process, there are failures. But **the overall trajectory is forward, toward God's complete restoration of Israel** (and redemption of the Nations).

4. A main reason God's Word tells us about future events, including great trouble, is so we will proactively pray concerning them. Through prayer, the severity of those events can be greatly diminished. We aren't called to be fatalists regarding Israel. **We're called to intercede in love on Israel's behalf. We're to pray for full salvation from its enemies** (see Romans 10:1).

5. The spirit in which the doctrine of Israel's inevitable or necessary failure is taught rarely conveys God's love, mercy, or compassion. Yet Yahweh grieves over the pain of His people. When they suffer, He suffers too: "In all their affliction He was afflicted" (Isaiah 63:9). Sadly, throughout history, **the Church has focused much on the presumed, necessary failure of the Jewish people. That focus has rarely led to Jews coming to faith in Yeshua**, but more often to atrocities committed against them.

Lastly and going back to point 1, the truth is that we all fail apart from surrender to God and, as a result, there is trouble ahead. Our view of Israel (or any nation or individual) should not neglect that truth. But we are to keep it in perspective with other Biblical truths. God's loving grace, overarching redemption, and certain victory in Messiah trump every trial. "Notice, then, the kindness and severity of God" (Romans 11:22). ★



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In his memoirs, the former president revealed that it was Yasser Arafat who prevented the high-profile Camp David talks in 2000 from resulting in an agreement. In fact, just months later the Palestinians launched the "Second Intifada."

The former president also defended Israel's military actions in the 2014 Gaza conflict, which sadly resulted in the deaths of many innocent Gazans.

"**Hamas is really smart. When they decide to rocket Israel, they insinuate themselves in the hospitals, in the schools, in the highly populous areas," Clinton explained. "They said they try to put the Israelis in a position of either not defending themselves or killing innocents."** ★



Yasser Arafat, Bill Clinton, and Ehud Barak at Camp David, July 2000

Blessed or Cursed?

Myles To Go
By Myles Weiss
ZLP Host



This ministry recently produced the TV series [Times of the Signs](#) in which Katharine and I taught on prophetically significant trends in our world. Some are alarming, and the rapidity with which they unfold topped the discussions in several interviews. Katharine and I sought to awaken Believers to the hour in which we live and to the spiritual needs around us.

If you missed it, you can watch it on demand in our program [archives](#). We documented some of the salient signs that the coming of Messiah is near. He is our hope... Our redemption draws near!

I am used to growing anti-Semitic trends. The latest, from our own federal administration, coupled with an alarming agenda in Islamic elementary schools, have me praying and scratching my head in consternation. Remember the Word of God:

“Then Adonai said to Abram, ‘Get going out from your land, and from your relatives, and from your father’s house, to the land that I will show you.

² My heart’s desire is to make you into a great nation, to bless you, to make your name great so that you may be a blessing.

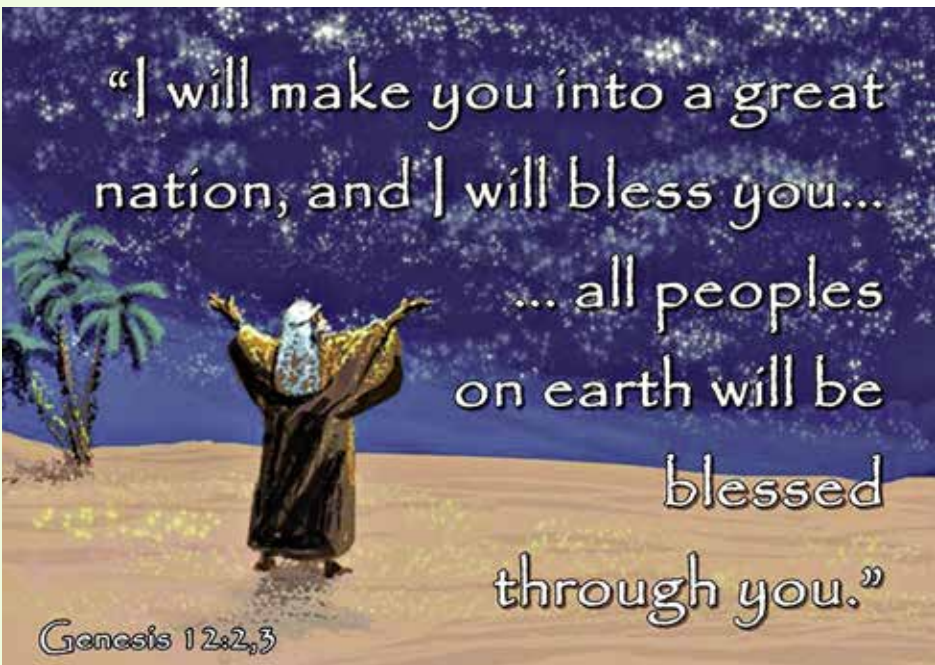
³ My desire is to bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” — Genesis 12:1–3

This has always been true: Nations have risen and fallen by the way they treat Israel and the Jewish people.

Is America being weighed in the balance as we speak?

According to conservative blogger Daniel Greenfield, citing 2012: “President Obama reaffirmed his staunch commitment to Israel on Sunday, making clear

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in no uncertain terms that 'I have Israel's back.' But, at the same time, he urged Israel and its supporters to allow time for diplomacy and 'crippling' sanctions on Iran to take hold to halt Tehran's nuclear program."

Yet, at the time of this writing, our administration is preparing to join the EU and Russia in UN constraints on Israel.

The Middle East Quartet—comprising the U.S., EU, UN, and Russia—is working on a major policy statement, and senior diplomats predict that the U.S. will take a harder line on Israel than in the past. The Quartet's report is also expected to take Israel to task for razing illegal Arab buildings—many of which were built with the support of the EU.

Historically, the U.S. worked to soften some of the criticism against Israel leveled by the EU, UN, and Russia. Now, U.S. diplomats seem to be pushing for a tougher stance against the Jewish state.

According to Greenfield: "One diplomat said the report was the Obama administration's way of putting Israel 'on notice' that its patience was wearing thin."

Believing-Americans need to fervently pray for our nation, especially in these months leading up to our national elections. As the prophet declared, regarding Israel:

"For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'He sent Me after glory,
to the nations which plunder you;
for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.'"
— Zechariah 2:8



Stand with the Messianic Movement!

Katharine Weiss
ZLP co-host



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With so many eyes watching our lives through social media, privacy is a thing of the past. Everyone seems to be looking in to see how we live and what we are doing. The advent of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram introduced a whole new level on which to share the moments of our lives. While this may be all well and fine, I cannot help but think about the other witnesses looking at our lives and seeing how we are living. Are we running “with the chariots” (2 Kings 6:17) and making our mark in His Kingdom?

I love the Book of Hebrews because it reminds us Whom we should be watching, where our attention should be focused.

Hebrews 12:1–2 “... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

When we look to Jesus, He gives us the strength, power, and insight to live an overcomer’s life. The Book of Hebrews was a letter to early Jewish Believers in Yeshua. Its message reminds us who are “grafted in” what our focus is to be and how we are to live our faith. Some of the same struggles that were present for the early Church are here for Believers today.

For the early Messianics, challenges came from the Jewish and the gentile worlds.

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Katharine *continues*



Persecution and misunderstanding came from both sides. Many Jewish people alleged, "Hebrew Believers have abandoned their heritage," and some Christians today claim, "Your Jewish heritage does not matter anymore. You're a Christian now!"



A favorite t-shirt of ours

I love it when Myles recalls, "I did not repent for being Jewish but for being a sinner. It's not a sin to be a Jew!"

Myles and I sometimes call ourselves "First-Century Believers." We remain fully aware of all the blessings of being Jewish, and we let the grace and faith of Jesus bring it out. **Our walk is not about doing away with being Jewish; it is about finding our identity in our Jewish Messiah.** This is why ministries like ours and our peers' are so very important: to be the voice that proclaims, "You can be Jewish *and* believe in Yeshua."

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher..."

He was born in Israel to a Jewish mother and father. He kept the Feasts. He was our Passover Lamb. He walked on Solomon's porch, reminding the Ages that He is the light of the world and the Menorah for all.

It is important today for Believers to stand with and invest in Messianic works. As we see the darkness growing, the remnant of Jewish Believers is, as Myles says, "building a landing pad for the coming Messiah."

We need to remember that there is a great cloud of witnesses who are watching us and cheering us on to run the good race and finish strong, knowing who we are: We are the modern Hebrews. ★



Opening the Holocaust Past

By Julie Satow
NYTimes.com



When Michael Pomeranc was growing up in the mid-1960s in Queens, NY, his parents and their friends—all survivors of the Holocaust—spent countless evenings discussing their harrowing experiences in World War II. The absence of anything tangible from their histories plagued him most.

“Not having the ability to understand where everybody went was very traumatizing,” Pomeranc, a prominent New York City hotelier, said recently. “What happened to the cemeteries of my great-grandparents? Where are my grandparents and my aunts? Can you go there? Would you see anything? It was like they were talking in an abyss.”

His father, Jack Pomeranc, now 88, came to America after the war and amassed a fortune building residential properties and airport hotels. His sons Larry, Michael, and Jason followed in his footsteps.

But the past was always with them, particularly for Michael, who spent nearly three decades working to uncover the fate of his murdered relatives, last seen in Adampol, a Polish agricultural town near Belarus. In the 1990s, he began searching historical records and tracking down leads across Europe. It was not until this year, when forensic archaeologist Caroline Sturdy Colls completed three years of research, that his efforts led him back to Adampol.

Dr. Sturdy Colls, an associate professor at Staffordshire University in England, recently published the first full-scale investigation of Adampol. According to her findings, as many as 1,000 Jewish victims are buried there in mass graves beneath farmland, woodland, rubbish heaps, and a shooting range. Because of Pomeranc, efforts are now underway to erect a monument and protect the site from development.

In recent years, researchers have uncovered a vast network of more than 42,000 relatively unknown Nazi camps and ghettos, many of which were behind the

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Mr. Pomeranc showing photographs of his father, Jack. He believes the image at right was taken in 1945 in Poland and on the left in 1947 in Germany.
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Natalie Keyssar



Holocaust Past...continued

Iron Curtain or had few surviving eyewitnesses who could tell their stories. Most of the sites remain unmarked, neglected, and poorly documented. Attempts to mark these areas are increasing and often controversial.

Adampol featured a landed estate owned by a Polish prince, which was converted during the war into a slave labor camp. Jews worked the estate's fields and slept in its barns and stables. At first, Jews from the surrounding areas flocked to Adampol, driven by the mistaken notion that it would be safer than staying in the towns and ghettos where executions and deportation to the nearby Sobibor death camp were increasingly common. The Pomeranc family, including Jack, his parents, and five of his siblings, sought refuge there.



Michael Pomeranc in the lobby of his hotel, Sixty SoHo. Mr. Pomeranc spent nearly 3 decades working to uncover the fate of his relatives.

Adampol turned out to be far from the safe haven the Pomeranc family had hoped. "We were afraid every minute of every day," Jack Pomeranc said. "Every few months there were shootings. We never knew when. They would suddenly appear, and everyone would try running and hiding. We were lucky the woods were nearby."

A ragtag group of Jewish partisan fighters hid in those woods. The young men and women, starving and poorly armed, raided farmhouses in search of food and supplies and conducted missions to free fellow Jews. Jack and his older brother Jurek often sneaked out of the camp and stayed with the partisans.

In September 1943, Jurek and his cousin returned to Adampol for Abram, Jack's 8-year-old brother. Before the boys could return to the woods, another mass shooting began. They scrambled to safety, but their parents and two youngest sisters, around ages 3 and 4, were shot and thrown into shallow graves.

Jack, his brothers and their sole surviving sister remained in the forest with the partisans for the rest of the war. Death was always near. In one instance, Jack was shot in the back during a raid, and he hid in a dirt hole for weeks while his sister tried healing him with salves made from leaves.

Jack survived the war, but those he lost were never far from his mind. "We were not the typical American family," Michael noted. "When my father came home from work and would see all of us around the dinner table, he would get very emotional. We lived two lives—the public life and the private one."

"People wonder, why dig so deep into this past?" Pomeranc said. "The truth is, we never left the past. We've never entirely been able to leave the death camps, and the partisans and the forests behind."

Watch for our upcoming series, *Beauty for Ashes*, which will include a devastating visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau and teaching on the restoration of Israel from the graves of Europe. God's promise to Abraham 4,000 years ago has stood the test of time, persecution, and genocide! —Myles ★



One Man, One Vote

CLASSIC ZOLA from 1980: 36 years ago



I feel uncomfortable being told how to vote.

With all of the talk about “the Christian vote” and “the fundamentalist stand,” I feel like I’m not getting my privilege of telling Caesar what I think. As a citizen in good standing of one of the few countries that allow each individual’s opinion to have some bearing on the conduct of the government, I don’t want to be disenfranchised by group thinking.

Neither am I some kind of rugged individualist or obsessive non-conformist; the way I think politically would surprise very few people and is of no interest to anyone but the candidates for office. If they can persuade another individual in the opposite direction, my vote is neutralized anyhow.

All the same, I have my own ideas about how things should be done, and I want my own chance to express them. My father was born in a country where the ideas of the individual citizens meant nothing—unless they were Jewish, in which case they meant less than nothing. But my father chose to emigrate to a fine nation, as nations go these days, and as soon as he got here, he found out that his ideas counted for something. So do mine.

Don’t jump to conclusions, please, on how I might feel on this or that issue. Frankly, my mind is in a muddle over many of them. I find things rather simpler than the candidates make them and rather more complex than some Christian leaders make them. To me what is being popularly recommended as the “born-again vote” this time around is a very mixed bag. Weapons, warfare, and women’s rights are different issues and are not easily gathered together under one voting-booth lever. Christians are not always “conservatives,” and “progressives” are not always filled with the devil.

People who can agree to stem the tide of communism or control the rate of inflation or insist on integrity in government tend to have different ideas on how these formidable goals can be accomplished. **My knowledge of the Bible clarifies only certain moral issues, not every problem that faces these**

United States in their 204th [or their 240th] year. The pastors and teachers whose opinions I value differ in their instructions on how Christians are to vote, if they give any such instructions at all. From preacher to preacher and from village to village, political preferences and knowledge vary, and nothing is rightly more American than that.

If there is a particularly “Christian” way to vote on every issue in this fearsomely complex political environment, I’m not aware of it. The pages of the Bible fairly ring with the careers of volatile personalities taking sharply liberal or conservative stands on particular governments in power and the only repeating theme is the complexity of knowing God’s will. Consider the career of the sometimes-unpopular kings Hezekiah and Josiah who turned their governments upside-down and backward seeking the true will of the God of Israel. Consider Paul insisting on the letter of his rights as a Roman citizen and bidding us all to be good and true servants of the worldly governments under whose jurisdiction we find ourselves.



Finally, consider our Lord, the willing taxpayer who so precisely divided our allegiance to Caesar from our allegiance to God. Jesus was hardly a conservative of His time, more often accused of being a political revolutionary, however wrongly. In any case, a visit to the Temple by the Galilean Carpenter invariably provided long days for those in power.

I’m not sure how I’ll vote in November, but one thing is certain: The decision is mine and mine alone. And, my fellow Americans, the same goes for you. ★

From IDF to Hollywood—Krav Maga

BY AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE / AFP



Krav Maga, the close-combat method conceived in secrecy by the Israeli army, has kicked its way firmly into civilian life, and with Hollywood's help, has become the ultimate form of self-defense.

"The idea is to be able to quickly hit the aggressor's vulnerable spots and to defend yourself with whatever is available—a beer bottle or a stick," explains Elad Nimni, who teaches Krav Maga in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). "Or, if you're doing military Krav Maga, you can use a gun instead of your body, because your body can get damaged and that hurts," he adds.

Although Krav Maga (Hebrew for "contact combat") borrows techniques from other combat sports, it differs in one way: there are no rules. **Krav Maga is all about saving your own skin, and anything goes.**

But interest in the streetwise style of fighting has stretched beyond Israel to Hampstead and Hollywood. One young Israeli from Canada adapted it after being sexually assaulted, and now she teaches women how to use their stiletto heels to fight off an aggressor.

In the Israeli military base gym where Nimni works, infantry soldiers carrying all their gear simulate realistic hand-to-hand combat situations. From the sidelines, instructors scream at them, pushing them harder in order to raise their heart rates and increase their stress levels. The idea, says Nimni, is for soldiers to learn to defend themselves in situations when they can't use their weapons.



Krav Maga borrows techniques from boxing, wrestling and jiu jitsu. Recent attacks created a surge of French interest in Krav Maga. photo: ©Miguel Medina

The system was developed by a Hungarian Jew, Imi Lichtenfeld. With Nazism and Fascism on the rise in 1930s Europe, he trained a group of young Jews in self-defense. Fleeing Europe in the early 1940s, he joined the Israeli army in 1948 where he developed a self-defense method that was simple, effective, and quick to learn in order to meet the military's needs.

Krav Maga immediately became part of the army's doctrine, and has evolved over the years in line with the needs and feedback of soldiers in the field. In recent months, instructors introduced long plastic knives into the training following a surge in Palestinian knife attacks across Israel and the West Bank.

"I see the difference in a soldier before and after his first Krav Maga training," says Nimni. "It builds his confidence, he clutches his weapon less, he realizes he's less dependent on it."

Several foreign militaries have adopted the method, recruiting former Israeli army instructors to teach their troops. ★

Ask the Chaplain

By Dr. Todd Baker
Zola Levitt Ministries
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EVER SINCE THE GARDEN

Q. Why do the Nations hate the Jews?

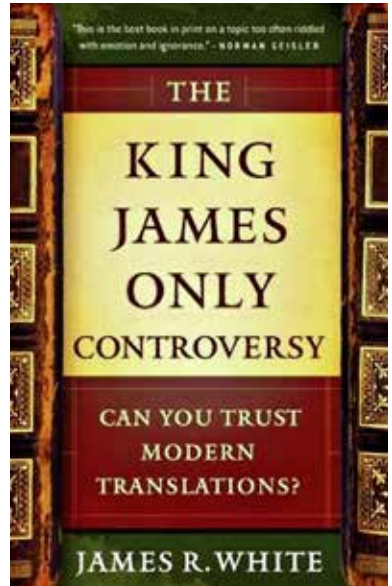
A. The world's loathing of the Jews is a supernatural reflection of Satan's hatred of those whom God loves. Anti-Semitism equals hatred for the God of Israel.

The Enemy has always known that the Messiah would come into the world through the Jews to crush the head of Satan, the serpent (Genesis 3:15). He also knows that when Messiah returns, He will redeem Israel and then will rule the Nations. For millennia, Lucifer has sought to short-circuit both redemption and rule by destroying the Jews as a nation. Sadly, **anti-Semites are unwitting pawns of the devil** in his futile acts against the Chosen People.

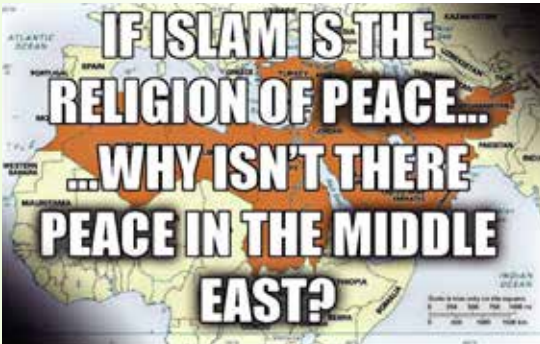
Q. Do you see any "red flags" in the following from a Statement of Faith?
We believe that the Scriptures are inerrant, infallible, and God-breathed. The Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Received Text of the New Testament (*Textus Receptus*) are those texts of the original languages we use; the Authorized King James Version of the Bible is the English version we use in the English-speaking world. The Bible is our sole and final authority for faith and practice.

A. The statement about the Bible being inerrant and the inspired Word of God is accurate. But the signers appear to be advocates of "King James Only," which is wrought with historical and textual problems. *Textus Receptus* (Latin: "received text") is the name given to the succession of printed Greek texts of the New Testament that constituted the base for most Reformation-era New Testament translations in Western and Central European languages, including those into English by William Tyndale and the King James Version.

The *Textus Receptus* is good on some points, but on others there are more accurate



readings from the ancient manuscripts, which provide better interpretations. Dr. James White wrote *The King James Only Controversy: Can You Trust Modern Translations?* — an in-depth study of this issue. ★



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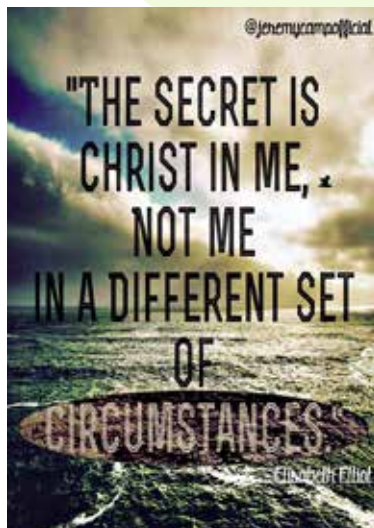
Following the Holy Spirit's Lead

By Sue Hopper
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Team Member



As this ministry's **To The Jew First** team flew out of JFK for Tel Aviv, I chatted with my seatmate, Eti, an interesting woman on her way to visit her son in Israel. A native-born Israeli now living in New York, she understood well our attraction to Israel and our support for Israel as the birthplace of Messiah Yeshua. I wasn't able to give her study materials, but through friendly conversation I shared Yeshua and the salvation for all individuals who place their trust in Him. I pray for Eti to come to her Messiah for her perfect *shalom* (peace).

We arrived at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport early in the afternoon and rented two cars for the five of us, our luggage, and the boxes of Hebrew Bibles and study supplies that we would pick up in town. Rental car agent Sheila spent 35 minutes getting us situated and happily accepted a complete Hebrew Bible (with both Testaments) that we had with us. Tel Aviv was enjoying a balmy day, but the next morning we awoke to storm clouds. By the time we drove up Israel's Mediterranean coast to Netanya, however, the sun was out again.



At the mall near our hotel in Netanya where we traditionally minister to those whom the Spirit prepares for us, I gave a book to Etai, a young cashier in a clothing store. His eyes had scanned past the Bible in Hebrew and landed on a book of personal testimonies by Jews who found salvation through Yeshua, [*They Thought For Themselves*](#). May the Holy Spirit bless Etai as he reads it.

At a clothing store in the same mall, Melanie interested me in a pair of black jeans. As I tried them on, we chatted and I discovered that she was very open to receiving a complete Bible in Hebrew. At yet another shop, May accepted a copy of *Isaiah 53 Explained* in Hebrew.

When we witness to the large Arab population in Nazareth, we give out complete Hebrew Bibles but add a study tract in Arabic.

My husband Robin and I visited a cell phone shop where we've ministered before. However, the clerk was new, so, as I needed to update my phone, I struck up a conversation. After a discussion about the latest devices, I asked **Aviran** if he would like an Arabic tract. But he surprised me: He was Jewish. That being the case, I gave him the complete Hebrew study Bible with Hebrew tracts. He welcomed the gifts and the news that Robin is also Jewish. We promised to look in on him the next time we're in Nazareth. ★



WISE AS A SERPENT / By Mark Levitt

Times—They are a-Changin’



Annuities, Reverse Mortgages, Financial Experts

You may recall prior *Serpent* installments in the *Levitt Letter* in which I quoted respected financial columnists who decried the pitfalls and shortcomings of annuities and reverse mortgages.

Recently, those same experts have begun acknowledging the favorable evolution of these two vehicles, not that they’re ideal for everyone, of course. Reverse mortgages and annuities can be too expensive for the benefits they deliver, depending on each investor’s alternatives.

Recent headlines from financial sages include:

- [Reverse Mortgage May Ease Retirement](#)
- [New Math on Reverse Mortgages](#)
- [Annuities Only One Part of Retirement Puzzle](#)
- [Are Annuities Good or Bad? Depends on the Type](#)

Wise as a Serpent is a bimonthly column that leapfrogs with the *Note from Mark*. In the next few months, individual *Serpent* pieces will explore anew the pluses and minuses of annuities and reverse mortgages.

Several decades ago, I received a management degree from The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business. In 2000, I learned the hard way how quickly a corrupt stockbroker can profit handsomely while losing all of an investor’s money... *and*, in 2002, how very little recourse consumers have, thanks to brokerages mandating arbitration agreements that lead to what amount to “show trials.”

Now I have 27 years of experience managing ZLM’s business concerns and for years have answered the calling to improve *Levitt Letter* readers’ personal stewardship along with that

of this ministry. Most other nonprofits avoid the awkward topic of their donors’ own finances in favor of unabated fundraising. Hopefully, you appreciate our different approach and, when the wisdom I relay from top gurus helps you sidestep certain traps set by the financial (dis?)services industry, you’ll share back some of the wealth.



Scott Burns is my favorite financial advisor because he succinctly explains what laymen most often miss when they rely too heavily on advice from commissioned salesmen—

certified or not—particularly the ones who neglect to disclose their conflicts of interest. Scott is an MIT graduate and seasoned expert who writes a syndicated column that appears in many newspaper business sections. To quickly educate yourself on a wide array of consumer financial topics, see his concise [articles](#).

Larry Burkett (1939–2003) was a tremendous Christian financial advisor back in the day. Now **Dave Ramsey** seems to have picked up where Larry left off. Aside from his national radio show, Dave is famous for his “7 Baby Steps” to taking control of your money.



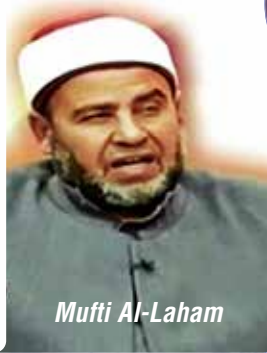
Dave seems to speak more to the younger, struggling households while Scott’s insights often appeal to those who are older and approaching or living through retirement. Both advisors are honorable *mensch*es so far as I can tell, and Larry probably would agree.



ZLM Bulletin Board

More On (Moron) Wife Beating?

Hassan Al-Laham, Mufti of Gaza moronically espouses “proper” wife beating.” And Pakistan’s powerful Council of Islamic Ideology strongly opposes protecting women from abusive husbands. The Council’s clerics and scholars, who advise Pakistani legislators, declare it “un-Islamic” for women to seek refuge from abusive relationships. Moreover, the Council proposes that a husband should be allowed to lightly beat his wife if she refuses to dress up, declines conjugal relations, or does not bathe frequently enough.



Mufti Al-Laham



Wanted: Social Media Soldiers

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- and 2) following us on [Twitter](#).



More than weekly, we offer timely teachings, insights, and encouragement from the Word of God. You can then share these uplifting posts with your social network. Become an “electronic evangelist!” Yeshua beckons us to “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation” (Mark 16:15).

Do You Pass the Israel Test?



George Gilder, economist and Prager University spokesman, asks whether you envy or admire those who surpass you in invention, creativity, and wealth. His brief assessment of what Jews have accomplished in Israel—benefiting both Hebrews and Arabs and other gentiles there—leads to his observation regarding misdirected anger. The Israel Test, he asserts, is the central divide in the world today. It tests one’s will to reach over enemies who hate Jews and Israel for what is best within oneself. **Sadly, thanks to Satan’s decision to oppose God’s selection of the Jews, anti-Semitism would persist even if Israelis were less successful.**

Free Item

Pamphlet of the Month

“Is Your Will Obsolete?”

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Hebrew Lesson



Truth and Freedom

John J. Parsons

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“Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my Salvation.”
– Psalm 25:5

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Our Lord and Savior says: “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). Spiritually understood, the soul in its natural state is sick, in a state of error and ongoing self-deception. The truth sets us free from our self-imprisonment, from the bondage we have to our illusions, so that we may be healed, transformed, and made new. However, knowing the truth is more *volitional* than it is cognitive—**truth is revealed in our decisions and actions, not merely in holding to a “true opinion” or assenting to a “true creed.”** Knowing the truth permeates the whole person—*bekhol levavkha*—and accepts all the consequences of its decision and passion. There is danger here, friends. Even learning Scripture and studying theology may become *untruth* if it is devoid of the fear of the Lord. “How many have asked, ‘What is truth?’ and at bottom hoped that it would be a long time before the truth would come so close to him that in the same instant it would determine what his duty was to do at the moment?” (Kierkegaard: *Works of Love*).

The deeper question is whether you actually want genuine freedom, since many are content to “exist” in the cold comfort of their resentments, in the desert of the self-serving ego, and in the wasteland of anger and fear. Self-deception is enticing because it provides an excuse to be mediocre; it justifies a victim mentality and abnegates personal responsibility. It is far easier to blame others for your life than to own the truth about yourself, to walk in the truth, and to seek the blessing of truth. Spiritual freedom means being awakened and empowered to choose the Eternal by denying the present moment’s demand to be made absolute. It offers no peace to the natural desire for the soul to return to its sleepy state, but calls and rouses the heart to wake up and confront the demands of eternity.

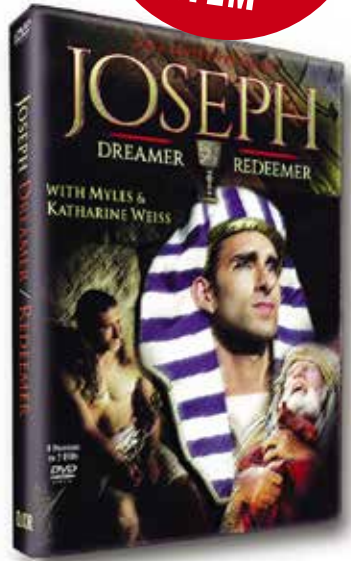
In Heaven there is only the language of truth, and truth is the language of Heaven. “If we ask according to His will, He hears us...” (1 John 5:14). This means that words find their traction only in *honesty* of the heart, in the midst of our deepest need. Only in “fear and trembling” can we talk with God, though when we pray fervently, our words may trail off until we become silent. But it is there, in the silence of the soul, that we may learn to listen to the Spirit and hear God’s voice. When we seek *first* the Kingdom of God, we will lay aside everything else, quiet our hearts, and focus our will. Seeking God in this way is an end in itself, for whatever else we may seek must be subordinated to this greater seeking. **“You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart”** (Jer. 29:13). ★



Joseph: Dreamer/Redeemer

(9 half-hour programs on 2 DVDs (New!))

Perhaps more than any of the patriarchs in the Bible, Joseph presents us with a clear preview of the Redeemer, *Yeshua HaMashiach*. From his humble beginnings to his ascendancy as a leader of the known world, Joseph pictures the One to come. Born to humble parents, *Yeshua's* suffering and ultimate sacrifice as the Lamb of God will lead to His return as the Lion of Judah. In this nine-part series, we lay bare the "Egyptian" (foreign) identity and centuries-long gentile view of Jesus and reveal Him as the Jewish Messiah *and* Savior of the world.



Jealousy and Rejection As we begin this nine-program series, we see Joseph tending sheep and wearing his coat of many colors. Jealousy and rejection from his brothers have already begun, but worsen after he tells them of his dreams. Myles and Katharine compare Joseph's treatment by his family to *Yeshua's* rejection by many in His day, though He was sent to be the Messiah. Ron Cantor talks about his book *Identity Theft: The Loss of Jesus' Jewish identity*.

Betrayal and Deception Joseph's murderous brothers throw him into a pit and then sell him as a slave. Father Jacob, thinking Joseph dead, mourns the loss of his favorite son. Our Messiah was betrayed for money to those who wanted to kill Him. While some still struggle coming to faith in *Yeshua*, Ron Cantor talks about the rise of Messianic Believers in Israel.

Innocence and Accusation Joseph becomes a slave of the captain of Pharaoh's guard. After a time of prosperity, false accusations condemn innocent Joseph. *Yeshua* lived a life without sin but suffered for the sins of the world. Eitan Shishkoff talks about the prophetic promise seen in the life of Joseph.

Faithfulness from Prison While in prison for two years, Joseph patiently yet faithfully ministers to others, such as Pharaoh's butler and baker. During the Last Supper (Passover *Seder*), *Yeshua* points His followers beyond short-term difficulties and toward God's glorious plans for them. Eitan Shishkoff reminds us that exile is not our—or Israel's—final destination.

Prisoner to Prime Minister After interpreting Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph's status moves from prisoner to the #2 position in Egypt. *Yeshua's* sacrifice ushered in global salvation and the Holy Spirit. Rabbi Jeremy Gimpel reports on Voice of Israel radio.

Famine and Recognition Famine leads Joseph's brothers to Egypt for grain. Unrecognized, Joseph tests their hearts to see if they have truly changed. Israel's current situation will change when they eventually recognize the Messiah, *Yeshua*.

Brother for Brother Joseph's brothers leave Simeon in Egypt as hostage until Benjamin comes. Joseph's identity remains hidden to his brothers. The Messiah is currently hidden to most of His brothers, the Jewish people. Eitan Shishkoff reminds us that gentiles can be instrumental in end-times revival.

Longing and Revelation. At home, Jacob longs for the return of his sons; in Egypt, Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. *Yeshua* reveals Himself through the Scriptures, just as He did on the road to Emmaus. Eitan Shishkoff compares Joseph's life to Israel's history.

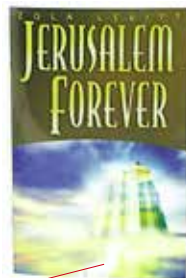
Substitution and Redemption Because of the "stolen" chalice, Judah intercedes and offers himself in Benjamin's place. Joseph reveals his identity and reunites the family. Though understood by few at the time, *Yeshua* was the Suffering Servant whose death in *our* place accomplished God's plan for redeeming the world. Our Messiah will return, but this time as the reigning King.



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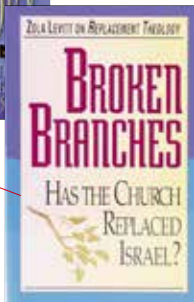
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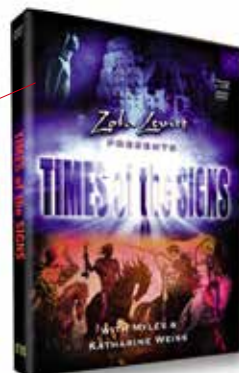
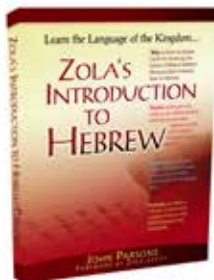
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The Tunnel Zola walks the tunnel under the western edge of the Temple Mount. We get a journalist’s perspective of the Palestinian uproar that erupted when the tunnel was opened to the public in 1996.

A Tale of Two Temples An unearthed marketplace shows the Roman destruction of the Temple. Mount Gerizim to the north hosts the excavation of a Samaritan temple patterned after the Jerusalem Temple.

Rulers in Stone Caesarea, on Israel’s Mediterranean coast, has yielded first-century finds such as the first extra-Biblical reference to Pontius Pilate, and a full-size Temple replica. At Tel Dan, the “House of David” has been confirmed archaeologically.

The Jerusalem That Was Bible Lands Museum houses a model of Jerusalem ca. 586 B.C. In the City of David, we examine a four-room house, typical architecture for ancient Israelites.

Past and Future Destruction Ongoing excavations at Hazor have unearthed Canaanite idols and confirmation of the city burning as recorded in Joshua 11. The Valley of Armageddon holds prophetic archaeological significance.

Archaeology and the Scriptures In Jerusalem, Zola explains the history of the Citadel, also called “David’s Tower.” We talk with the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Cities of the Past Zippori was a thriving cultural center in Galilee that probably influenced Jesus as a boy in Nazareth. Ekron was one of five prominent Old Testament cities of the Philistines.

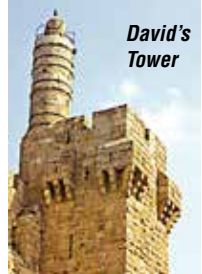
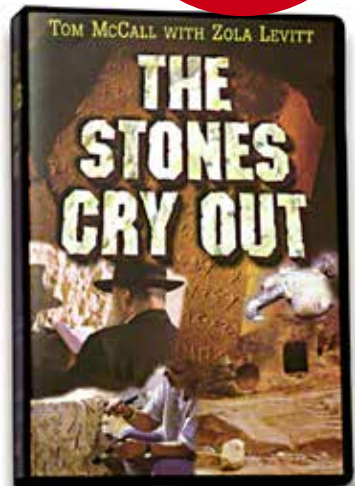
Shadows from the Past A chamber of tombs, near the Garden Tomb but dated to the time of the First Temple, helps us understand burial customs of that day. We visit the Qumran cave where the first Dead Sea Scroll was found.

A Tale of Three Cities In Biblical times, a business relationship existed between three Jordan Valley cities: Beit Shean, Rehovot (west of the Jordan River), and Pella (east of the Jordan River). We visit excavations in each city.

The Rose Red City The ancient Nabataeans were famous for their skill in rock carving. Petra, their capital southeast of the Dead Sea, is the “rose red” city known for its magnificent buildings carved into the native rock.

A Man Crucified On display at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, a man’s heel bone that was pierced by a nail is the first archaeological proof of Roman crucifixions in Israel.

Truth from the Stones Zola discusses how the artifacts shown throughout this series illuminate Scripture, and how Believers can be encouraged when *The Stones Cry Out*.



David's
Tower



Jesus was a Refugee Child



BY JOAN E. TAYLOR (r) BiblicalArchaeology.org

Matthew's Gospel tells us that Joseph and Mary are in Bethlehem, their home village in Judea. When the Magi arrive and tell King Herod that they come to honor a new ruler, Herod acts on this disturbing news with a pre-emptive strike against the people of Bethlehem and its environs. He kills all boys under two years of age in "the massacre of the innocents" (Matthew 2:16–18).

But Joseph has been warned in a dream of Herod's intentions to kill Jesus, and the family flees to Egypt. It is not until Herod is dead that Joseph and Mary dare return, and then they avoid Judea: Joseph "was afraid to go there" (Matthew 2:22) because Herod's son is in charge. Instead, they find refuge in Nazareth of Galilee, far from Bethlehem.



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Jesus' earliest years, then, were spent as a refugee in a foreign land and as a displaced person in a village a distance from His family's original home.

First-century Jewish historian Josephus portrays Herod as paranoid about any threat to his rule. He killed his own sons and had few qualms about killing anyone else's. We know also that Jews fled from many kinds of troubles in Judea in the third–first centuries B.C., and that Egypt was one of the places they went as refugees. Many historical sources testify to a thriving Jewish expatriate community in Egypt. However, like today, new refugees were not welcome. Emperor Claudius wrote in 41 A.D. that Jews in Alexandria lived in "a city not their own" in which they were "not to bring in or invite Jews who sail down to Alexandria."

For new refugees like Joseph and Mary, as anywhere, life would have been very hard. Presumably, Jewish charity and giving through the synagogue would have helped, but a struggling refugee family would also be reliant on the kindness of strangers. I think that the legacy of being a refugee and a newcomer to a place far from home informed Jesus' teaching. When He set off on His mission, He took up the life of a displaced person with "nowhere to lay His head" (Matthew 8:20). He asked His disciples to go without a bag or a change of clothing, essentially to walk along the road like destitute refugees who had suddenly fled, relying on the generosity and hospitality of ordinary people whose villages they entered (Mark 6:8).

It was the villagers' welcome or not to such poor wanderers that showed what side they were on: "And if any place will not receive you and refuse to hear you, shake off the dust on your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them" (Mark 6:11).

While I favor evangelism and hospitality toward all, we need to discern the times and the seasons. We also need to pray for and stand with the Christians, who are being decimated in the Middle East... except in Israel! —Myles ★



Letters to ZLM

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From T. of Y.: The gift of your ministry is one which all must behold. The joy and the grace of your words cause me to sing aloud ... HALLELUJAH!!! — Thank you for your joyous praises. Now I'm hoping you'll put some dollars where your exclamation points are—please let me explain.

Someone as discerning as you (and I mean this sincerely) has come to appreciate that we ministry workers at ZLM are dead serious about delivering solid Bible teaching. Heavy-duty, Lucifer-defying content, as opposed to more easily palatable fluff 'n' stuff. We take risks by deviating from middle-of-the-road, please-everybody pablum. While you may sometimes disagree with certain LL content (and probably will advise us with equal vehemence), you have to admit that it all comes to your mailbox with our intent to sharpen rather than offend (Proverbs 27:17).

Some of the larger ministries and secular charities, whose silver-tongued marketing agencies ensure their consistent mega revenues, tend to pluck your heartstrings way better than edify you. That's why ZLM depends on people like you with the brainpower and courage of Joshua's elite to get behind us with your checkbooks as much as you kindly do with your prayer and praise. —Mark



Happy Birthday to You, International Church!

Dear ZLM,

Thanks for your [May birthday greeting to the International Church!](#) I just adore the information you provide. It helps me to be more mindful of and prayerful for the nation of Israel and the Israeli people. Jesus must indeed be coming back soon for His Church. Thanks for all you do to spread the Gospel and love that can only come from one Source, the true Source, of love and truth.

God Bless and Keep you All. Be safe and keep up the wonderful work.

— M.S.

Dear M.S.—

Thanks for your kind and sincere words. Please see my heartfelt reply to T. of Y. above. We appreciate your dropping a line.

—Mark



A Unique Witness

Dear ZLM,

Just wanted to send these photos of my car. It's my way of testifying and witnessing without saying a word. —T.C.



Note: Front windshield,
"He Has Risen!"

Wow, T.C.—

You certainly are braver than most about upholding The Great Commission and standing with Israel! Many of this ministry's most ardent readers and viewers are too fearful to display our "[Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem](#)" bumper sticker on their cars. Then there are others who order enough to share with friends, family members, pastors, etc. —Mark

Shalom T.C.—

By your area code, I trust you are safe in the free and rarefied air of the Rocky Mountains. Thanks for your boldness in standing for Yeshua *and* His natural brothers and sisters. Katharine and I pray for America that Jesus would be seen again and that our country would stand strongly with Israel. Your "silent" witness communicates more than many words. Keep going! —Myles



Preaching By Actions

Dear Myles and Katharine,

I am very thankful to God for directing me to Zola Levitt Ministries. I have been watching the TV shows for a few months, and have gone to the archives at levitt.tv to watch past shows. I am really blessed by this ministry for increasing my prayer and concern and passion for Israel and God's people.

Thank you for the history you share, the promises and prophecies of God and the excitement in the eager anticipation of our Lord's soon return.

I am also blessed to see the very obvious affection that you have for one another. It is beautiful watching your kind and loving interactions. Your marriage is a testimony to the love and grace of our amazing Savior! —I.M.

Blessings, I.M.—

Katharine and I celebrate our 30th anniversary this year. We hope that our relationship's warmth comes through on television, so thanks for the confirmation.

One of our commitments has been to minister to couples through the years. When Dr. Hormoz Shariat hosted us on *Iran Alive*, his TV program that preaches into Tehran nightly, he warned us before the live event, "They will be listening to your words, but watching your marriage." Profound words! The Holy Spirit is redesigning these former Muslims to include real love and respect in their homes. As longtime Believers, Katharine and I can model this example for them. Imagine the shock of moving from a misogynistic and abusive patriarchy to a caring relationship after being touched by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!

Of course, the Iranian viewers asked, "Why is Israel important?" So, in addition to the marriage component, we had an opportunity to walk them through the promises to Israel into which they are now "grafted." Incidentally, the Chinese *and* Iranians each claim to be the fastest growing Christian nation today. It's not a competition ... but it is a good race to run. Hallelujah! With gratitude —Myles and Katharine

P.S. You can see our *Zola Levitt Presents* [interview with Hormoz](#).

Dollars and Cents

Dear Myles and Katharine,

I watched your [show on Passover](#). 325 A.D.?! Passover made illegal?! Take the Passover message to the Church?! Myles, your message of the Passover needs to go to the synagogue! Just my two cents. —B.P.



I agree, B.P!—

“My people perish for lack of knowledge!” (Hosea 4:6). We workers at ZLM are giving our lives to making Yeshua known to the Jewish people and helping the Church know her roots in Jewish history and Scripture. We all—new Believers and longtime Believers alike—have much to learn and changes to make as the day of shared destiny draws near.

My Jewish people need to know that Jesus is the Lamb of God. Regarding the Western Church, which seems to be dividing along anti-Semitic and pro-Israel lines, we must keep these programs on the air and keep the truth in sight. So, maybe add some dollars to your two cents and give us a hand, please! Blessings —Myles

Biblical vs. Rabbinic Judaism

Dear Myles,

In your [April Myles To Go](#) column, you wrote: “Biblical Judaism virtually ceased with the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D.” What does “Biblical Judaism” look like, and why did the rabbis depart from The Way? Did the destruction of the Temple create a vacuum?

Thank you, Myles, and this ministry for always compelling me to go further. R.J.G. (IL)

Shalom, R.J.G.—

We Messianic Jews are attempting to follow the whole counsel of God from the entire Scriptures: the Hebrew *Tanakh*, (Older Testament) and the *B’rit Hadashah* (Newer Testament). Our faith is the Judaism that the Bible describes (i.e. **Biblical Judaism**), which centers on the prophetic promises about and from Messiah and God’s plan for Israel and the Nations. Following Yeshua as the promised Messiah is a direct, Scriptural mandate and therefore more relevant to one’s personal spiritual life than traditional rabbinical teachings.

Rabbinic Judaism developed from the teachings and writings of rabbis throughout the centuries. These traditions came into ascendancy over 1,900

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years ago, when the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. Before Romans razed it, the Temple was the focus of Jewish religious life and the sacrificial system set by the *Torah* (the five books of Moses). After the Temple's destruction, the rabbis (many of whom opposed Jesus) reorganized Judaism around the laws, adding many new rules and traditions. Their subsequent writings and commentaries formed the Talmud, Midrash, etc. and became the basis of Rabbinic Judaism.

As always with our people, we say, "Two Jews, three opinions." This explains the different branches and styles of Judaism. Some Jews still look for the Messiah to come in human form, while others look for a Messianic Age of peace on Earth. In contrast to religious Jews, the mainstream population of Israel is open to Jewish followers of Jesus. Many Israelis know a Messianic personally; some have heard of Katharine's and my ministry.

We believe access to God comes from Yeshua's atoning work on the cross. He fulfills our Judaism. Jesus said in Matt. 5:17,18: ¹⁷ "Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. ¹⁸ Amen, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or serif shall pass from the Torah until all things come to pass."

One of my favorite T-shirts declares: "Jesus Made Me Kosher!" ([pictured on p. 7](#)). Our movement (the Church) began circa 30 A.D. with the first Believers. Remember, Yeshua and all the first Disciples were Jewish. This makes Messianic Judaism (the extension of Biblical Judaism) about 40 years older than Rabbinic Judaism. Hope this helps. Blessings —Myles

Why Split the Mount of Olives?

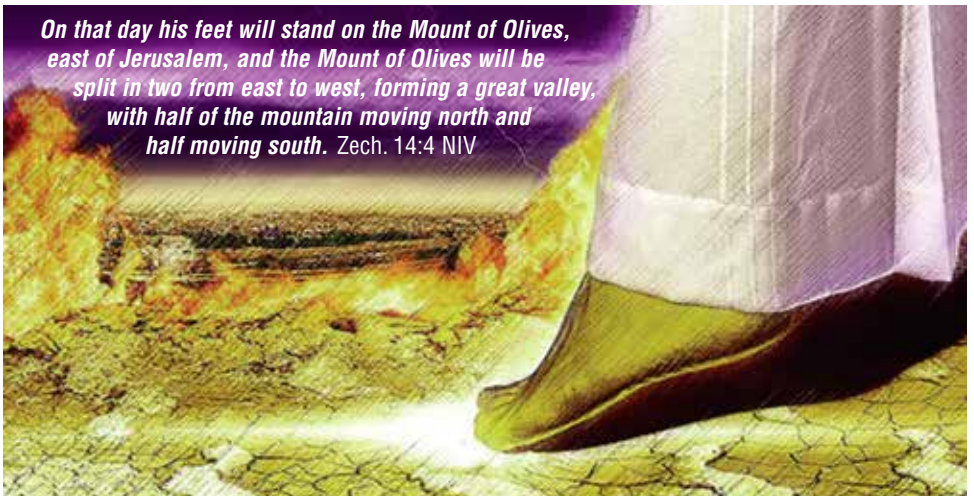
Dear ZLM,

When Jesus comes back, He is expected to return to the location from which He left, namely, the Mount of Olives. Why will the Mount of Olives be split in two? What is the purpose for that? I cannot find any reason. Thank you. W.S.J. (PA)

Dear W.S.J.—

The passage in question is Zechariah 14:4. However, when we continue to verse 5, the Lord gives the reason for the Mount of Olives being split in two: This geographical split will make a passageway for the Jewish Remnant to escape at the Lord's return. Yours —Todd Baker ★

On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. Zech. 14:4 NIV



Mobile Ultrasound for Disaster Areas



SCIENCE: BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN / Israel21c.org

Ultrasound imaging is one of the world's most common non-invasive, radiation-free medical tests. The technology helps doctors safely assess and diagnose the condition of body structures based on the pattern of high-frequency sound waves emanating from these internal organs.

However, ultrasound scans must be performed at clinics and hospitals using a probe connected to a large, cumbersome, and expensive ultrasound device. Results are collected by computer and interpreted by a radiologist, who sends the diagnosis to the patient's doctor. The images are too large to be uploaded to the cloud and viewed on a smartphone, so results are not available right away.

That means there isn't a way to do mobile ultrasound imaging of people hurt in disaster areas or road accidents, for example. The Signal Acquisition Modeling and Processing Lab (SAMPL) at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology's Faculty of Electrical Engineering is working toward commercializing a solution to this problem that relies on two innovations.

First, lab members developed an algorithm that reduces the image at the initial scanning stage. It can be uploaded to the cyber cloud or to a remote processing unit and transmitted immediately without harming image quality and without loss of data on the way. Second, they developed a special probe that eliminates the need for the large ultrasound devices currently used at most clinics.

Prof. Yonina Eldar, who heads the SAMPL lab, indicated that such a system would allow emergency medical teams to take and send ultrasound images even before transporting a patient, and quickly receive medical instructions from the treating physician based on the findings.



*Prof. Yonina Eldar presents the new ultrasound imaging probe.
(Photo courtesy of Technion)*

Dr. Shai Tejman-Yarden, a cardiologist at Israel's Sheba Medical Center, explains that in the case of injuries, "The development will provide a doctor who is not at the scene with information in real time, enabling him to instruct the paramedic at the scene. This development will also enable remote treatment for patients in developing countries, under the guidance of Israeli doctors."

Eldar's lab is dedicated mainly to developing innovative data-processing methods using only a small portion of the data sampled. Reducing the quantity of data has dramatic positive implications: shortening the data acquisition and processing time, miniaturizing the systems and accelerating their operation, reducing power consumption, and saving money. ★





Biomarker for Alzheimer's Disease

MEDICINE: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY / AFTAU.org

Research suggests a routine blood test can reveal Alzheimer's risk and IQ measurements

Medical professionals need a long series of tests to assess a patient's memory impairment, cognitive skills, functional abilities, and behavioral changes to accurately diagnose Alzheimer's disease. They sometimes also require costly brain imaging scans and invasive cerebral spinal fluid tests to rule out other diseases. The process is laborious at best—and subjective at worst.

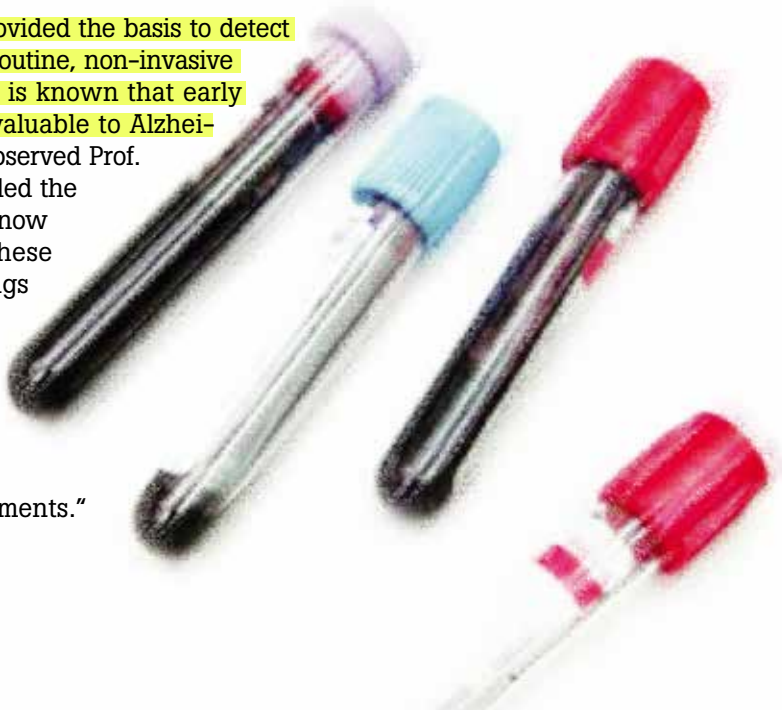
A new discovery by researchers at **Tel Aviv University**, Technion (Rambam Medical Center), and Harvard University takes the medical community a leap forward in the process of effectively screening and diagnosing Alzheimer's disease. The new study, published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, proposes a new biomarker for cognitive aging and Alzheimer's disease: activity-dependent neuroprotective protein (ADNP), the levels of which can be easily monitored in routine blood tests. The study also found that ADNP levels tested in the blood correlate with higher IQ in healthy older adults.

Significant increases in ADNP RNA levels were observed in patients ranging from mild cognitive impairment (MCI) to Alzheimer's dementia. ADNP levels tested in plasma and serum samples, as well as white blood cell RNA levels, distinguished among cognitively normal elderly, MCI, and Alzheimer's dementia participants.

For the purpose of the cross-sectional study, the investigators analyzed blood samples taken from 42 healthy adults, MCI patients, and Alzheimer's disease patients at Rambam Medical Center in Israel. After comparing the ADNP expression in the blood samples, the researchers prepared plasma samples and once again compared the protein levels.

"This study has provided the basis to detect this biomarker in routine, non-invasive blood tests, and it is known that early intervention is invaluable to Alzheimer's patients," observed Prof.

Illana Gozes, who led the research. "We are now planning to take these preliminary findings forward into clinical trials—to create a pre-Alzheimer's test that will help tailor potential preventative treatments."



If Messiah's Already Come, Why Isn't There Peace?



BY SAM NADLER (r) WordOfMessiah.org

A person considering whether Yeshua is the Messiah asks the rabbi, "Could it be that Messiah has already come, and that Yeshua is His name?" The rabbi shakes his head and declares: "He can't be the true Messiah. There's still no peace. We know that when Messiah comes there will be peace everywhere."

Is it true that Messiah is to bring peace? And if Yeshua is the Messiah, then where's the peace?

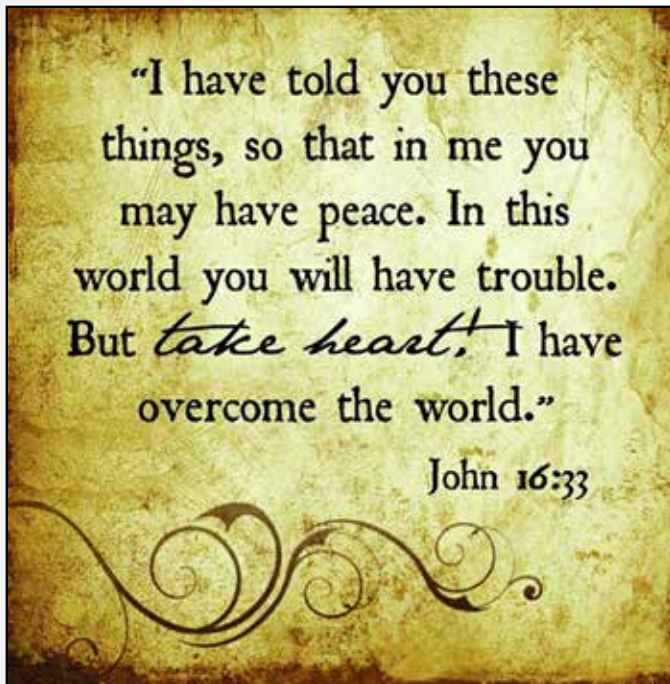
The Promise of Peace

The desire for peace is universal among the sane nations of this world. The idea of peace means more than the end of political hostilities. The Hebrew word *shalom* contains the idea of completeness or wholeness. Because of sin, we are all incomplete. The Scriptures tell us that sin separates us from God, from each other, and from even ourselves (Isaiah 59:1-2). However, the *shalom* of God fulfills us perfectly and completely.

This is the very desire of God, who in Aaron's blessing states, "*May the Lord give you peace*" (Numbers 6:26). The psalmist writes, "The Lord will bless His people with peace" (Psalm 29:11), and Isaiah calls Messiah "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). In fact, when Messiah reigns, peace will be His Kingdom's theme (Isaiah 2:1-4; Zechariah 9:9-10).

The universal peace of Messiah is based on each individual having a personal peace through a right relationship with God: "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You" (Isaiah 26:3).

Thus, when people receive individual peace from God, they can share and live in that peace within their family, community, country, and world. Peace is like having a million dollars to give away: If you don't have it, you can't give it.



The Rejection of Peace

The Scriptures prophesy that God's peace would be rejected when it was offered. Isaiah wrote that the Prince of Peace would come to make peace between God and His people, and that Messiah would be rejected. Why would Messiah be rejected?

"He had no beauty or majesty that we should look at Him, and nothing in His

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Messiah's Peace?... *continued*



Courtesy: IsraeliMyHeart

appearance that we should be attracted to Him” (Isaiah 53:2).

For people attracted to externals, Messiah would be too ordinary looking: There was nothing about His appearance to command our attention. Messiah’s internal character made Him stand out.

“He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, as a sheep before the shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth” (Isaiah 53:7).

Many wanted a Messiah who would vanquish the enemies of Israel. Yeshua’s humility was despised and rejected, for He came not to protect His own life, but to be an offering for our sins: *“The Lord makes His life a guilt offering” (Isaiah 53:10).*

If I came to your house with a beautiful cake but you slammed the door in my face, would you expect to still get the cake? Of course not. Reject me, and you reject all that I bring with me. So, why isn’t there “peace”? **Reject the Prince of Peace and you reject the very peace that He brings.**

The Provision of Peace

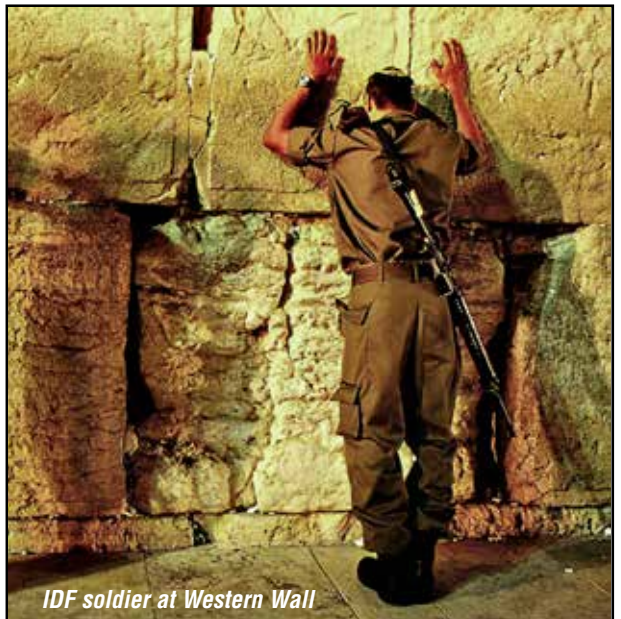
New Covenant Scriptures repeat the promise of Isaiah 26:3 (see above).

“The peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Messiah Yeshua” (Philippians 4:7).

“Messiah is our peace, who has made the two (Jews and gentiles) one... one new person, thus making peace” (Ephesians 2:14–15).

The Scriptures also teach that one day, Israel will acknowledge the Messiah and receive His salvation and peace: *“The stone which the builders rejected shall become the capstone!” (Psalms 118:22).* In light of that event, we are commanded to *“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem” (Psalms 122:6).* In that day, peace will be worldwide, even as the Scriptures promised.

An illustration of that coming day was seen in Israel: An Israeli soldier—a Jewish Believer in Yeshua—while on patrol with his squad one night in Gaza, spotted a van parked suspiciously. As the Believer approached the vehicle, a man got out and walked toward him. It was the driver, who turned out to be a Palestinian Believer in Yeshua visiting some church friends. To the amazement of the onlooking squad, the Israeli Jew and Palestinian laughed and rejoiced in fellowship in the Gaza moonlight. **Yeshua is Israel’s hope for peace.** ★



IDF soldier at Western Wall

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Holocaust survivors at the Western Wall

Photo credit: Noam Revkin-Fenton

Holocaust Survivors Get Belated Bar Mitzvahs

By Yori Yalon and Nitzki Yakov
IsraelHayom.com

The Holocaust may have denied them a normal childhood, but in May, they finally got to celebrate their bar and bat mitzvahs.

Dozens of Holocaust survivors from Kfar Saba in central Israel held the Jewish ritual at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The event was organized with the help of Social Equality Minister Gila Gamliel and her ministry.

"You gave us what we were missing in our lives and now we feel more complete," Solomon Moshe, 79, said after the event. "It was a very emotional event; we never thought we would live to see this happen. Thank God they didn't bring a blood pressure monitor to the event—because the excitement was sky high."

Methodist Church Rejects Anti-Israel Policies

[Jewish News Service / JNS.org](http://JewishNewsService.org)

The United Methodist Church (UMC) voted down four resolutions that called on the Church to divest from companies doing business with Israel.

At its quadrennial General Conference

in May in Portland, Oregon, the UMC also voted—478 in favor and 318 against—to withdraw its membership, financial support, and staff participation from the "U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation," a coalition encouraging boycotts of Israel.

"This one-sided political coalition's website (www.endtheoccupation.org) reveals that its agenda includes seeking 'to isolate Israel economically, socially, and culturally,' and promoting 'comprehensive divestment' against Israel, while overlooking anti-Israel aggression," stated the UMC petition that called for withdrawal from the anti-Israel coalition. "Blaming only one side while ignoring the wrongdoing of Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran will not advance the cause of peace," the UMC's primary concern.

Roz Rothstein, CEO of the pro-Israel education and active advocacy group StandWithUs, said, "By severing its ties with anti-Israel groups, the UMC has reaffirmed its role as an agent of reconciliation and peacemaking."





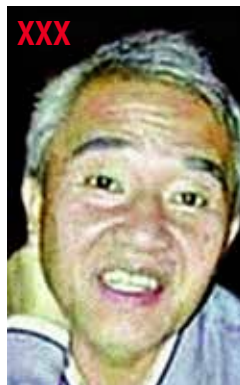
Fatah Honors Murderer in Airport Attack

By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik / PalWatch.org

In 1972, three members of the Japanese Red Army carried out a terror attack in Israel's airport. Twenty-four people were killed and 70 wounded when the terrorists shot at passengers and threw hand grenades. As the anniversary of the May attack approached, Fatah stuck to its policy of glorifying terrorists on the date of their attack.

Posting a photo from the attack, showing pools of blood on the floor next to torn and scattered luggage, Fatah sent "greetings" to the surviving "hero," murderer XXX [terrorists' names have been deleted], on its Facebook page:

"44 years since the airport operation (26 killed and 80 injured) [higher numbers in the original -Ed.] A thousand greetings to the Japanese fighter and friend [XXX], the hero of the Lod airport operation, May 30, 1972." [Official Fatah Facebook page, May 17, 2016]



"A thousand greetings ... to the hero"—Fatah

Fatah's praise for other terrorists on the anniversaries of their attacks and killings has been documented by Palestinian Media Watch, and those murderers have included [---] who murdered 6, [---] who murdered 2, and [---] who led the most lethal attack in Israel's history in which 37 were murdered.

Lod Airport attack—on May 30, 1972, X, XX, and XXX—members of the Japanese Red Army who had been recruited by the Palestinian terror organization Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)—carried out a terror attack at Israel's Lod (Tel Aviv) airport. Throwing hand grenades and shooting, the terrorists killed 24 (8 Israelis and 16 foreign tourists), and wounded over 70. X and XX were killed during the attack, while XXX was arrested and sentenced to 3 life sentences, but was released in the Jibril Agreement in May 1985, after only 13 years of imprisonment, when Israel agreed to release 1,150 Palestinian prisoners, including terrorist murderers, in exchange for three Israeli soldiers who had been taken hostage by the terrorist organization the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Rome's Jewish Cemetery-cum-Rose Garden

By Rossella Tercatin / TimesOfIsrael.com

Every spring, from the end of April through mid-June, Rome's public Rose Garden—located off the Via Del Circo Massimo in the heart of the city—bursts forth with bright colors.

"When I lead tours, I always start by explaining the Jewish roots of this place.

Rome has the most ancient Jewish community in the Western world. People should be more aware of the importance of the Jewish presence in the city, especially its own citizens," guide **Salvatore Ianni** stresses. "For centuries this area was the city's Jewish cemetery," explains Ianni. In 1934, the governor of Rome expropriated the land for a new road, the Via Del Circo Massimo, to celebrate the 12th anniversary of fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's regime. In a rush to complete the road, the builder exhumed on Saturdays and Jewish holidays, when the Jewish supervisors who were promised the opportunity to monitor the process could not be present. "Therefore, thousands of corpses were moved, but thousands are still buried under the Rose Garden and the road," Ianni says. In 1950, the Rome City Council consulted the Jewish community about establishing the site as the new Rose Garden of the city. ★



The garden's paths form the shape of a menorah as a reminder of the burial grounds that the Jewish community had here for centuries.

(Credit: Luciano Rosselli)



Ancient Israel Was Major Glass Producer



ARCHAEOLOGY: ARUTZ SHEVA / IsraelNationalNews.com

The oldest glass kilns ever discovered in Israel were recently unearthed at the foot of Mount Carmel near Haifa, exposing an ancient, global glass-production center that serviced the entire Roman Empire.

The extraordinary archaeological discovery was revealed during an Israel Antiquities Authority excavation prior to the construction of a road being built as part of the Jezreel Valley Railway Project.

The kilns, roughly 1,600 years old, indicate that Israel was one of the foremost centers for glass production in the ancient world.

According to Yael Gorin-Rosen, head curator of the Israel Antiquities Authority Glass Department, "This is a very important discovery with implications regarding the history of the glass industry both in Israel and in the entire ancient world."

"We know from historical sources that the Valley of Akko was renowned for its excellent quality of sand, which was highly suitable for the manufacture of glass," she added. "Chemical analyses conducted on glass vessels from this period, which were previously discovered at sites in Europe and in shipwrecks in the Mediterranean, have shown that the source of the glass is from our region. Now, the kilns have been found where the raw material was manufactured that was used to produce this glassware."

The excavation of the kilns caused great excitement among glass researchers throughout the world, some of whom traveled to Israel to see the discovery first-hand. Professor Ian Freestone of University College London, who specializes in identifying the chemical composition of glass, described the find as "a sensational discovery."

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Kilns exposed next to the train tracks Photo: Assaf Peretz

Archaeology... continued



The discovery occurred by chance last summer when archaeologist Abdel Al-Salam Sa'id, an IAA inspector overseeing infrastructure work on the new railway line, observed chunks of glass, a floor, and an ash layer inside a trench. He immediately halted construction at the site and began an archaeological excavation, the important results of which are now evident.

The kilns consisted of two compartments: a firebox where kindling was burned to create a very high temperature, and a melting chamber in which the raw materials (clean beach sand and salt) were melted together at a temperature of 2,192° F. The materials were heated for a week or two until enormous chunks of raw glass were produced, some of which weighed in excess of ten tons. The kilns were then cooled, and the large glass chunks that resulted were broken into smaller pieces and sold to workshops where they were melted again in order to produce glassware.

During the Early Roman Period, the use of glass greatly expanded due to its characteristics: transparency, beauty, the delicacy of the vessels, and the speed with which they could be produced by blowing—an inexpensive technique adopted at the time that lowered production costs. Glass was used in almost every household from the Roman Period onward, and also in public buildings in the form of windows, mosaics, and lighting fixtures. Consequently, large quantities of raw glass were required on an industrial scale. The installation that was excavated was one of those ancient production facilities.

According to a price edict circulated by the Roman emperor Diocletian in the early fourth century A.D., there were two kinds of glass: Judean glass (from Israel) and Alexandrian glass (from Alexandria, Egypt). Judean glass was a light green color and less expensive than Egyptian glass. The question was: Where were the centers that manufactured this Judean glass—a branded product known throughout the Roman Empire and whose price was engraved on stone tablets so as to ensure fair trade? The current discovery indicates where the famous Judean glass was produced.

The kilns just uncovered are the earliest to be discovered in Israel. What's more, their relatively good state of preservation will make it possible to better understand the production process. Researchers hope that by means of its chemical composition they will be able to trace the export of the glass throughout the Roman Empire. ★



**Glass fragments found
at the site**
Photo: Assaf Peretz

Canada: Israel's Peace Partners are Terrorists



IsraelToday.co.il

Canada's Federal Court in May upheld a decision that basically labeled Israel's purported "peace partners" in the Palestinian Authority as terrorists.

Earlier, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada had denied asylum to Akram Muslih Anteer, a Palestinian man living in Sweden, because of his connection to Fatah.

Fatah is the party of Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas. It is the largest and most dominant faction in the PLO and the Palestinian Authority.

The Canadians determined that "Fatah did not entirely disassociate itself from acts of terrorism against the Israeli state even after renouncing armed struggle and... the most notorious faction within Fatah, the AAMB (Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades), did not exist separately from Fatah as a whole."

Unlike most Western power brokers, the Canadian government paid attention to the evidence demonstrating that "Fatah engaged in acts of violence and terrorism both before the denunciation of terrorism in 1989 and, through the AAMB, during the Second Intifada from 2000 to at least 2007."

Many Israeli leaders, both left- and right-wing, have long maintained that they have no genuine partner for peace in the Palestinian Authority. It would seem the Canadians agree. ★

*"Muslims: We bring them the Word,
or they bring us the sword."
—Avi Lipkin*

PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO REVEAL THAT 9/11 INVOLVED THREE, NOT TWO, TOWERS.



Jewish Humor, etc.

Scripture in Action

An elderly Messianic *bubbe* (Yiddish for grandma) returning to her home from a Friday evening Shabbat service was startled to find an intruder in the process of robbing her home. She yelled: "Stop! Acts 2:38!"

The burglar stopped in his tracks, and the woman calmly called the police and explained what had happened.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a Scripture at you."

"Scripture?!" scoffed the burglar." She screamed that she had an ax and two .38s!"

Moral: Knowing Scripture can save your life ... in more ways than one! Acts 2:38—"Repent and be baptized, in the Name of Yeshua HaMashiach, so that your sins may be forgiven."



A cheerful heart is good medicine —
Proverbs 17:22



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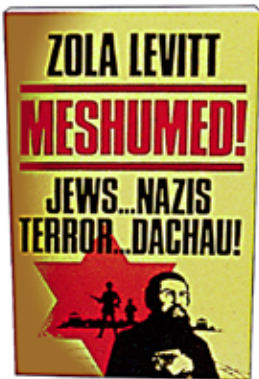
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